seeks to prohibit the organisation, conduct and promotion of lotteries falling under entry 40 of List I-Union List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mental disorder among Police Personnel

4755. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during an internal examination conducted by the Delhi Police, quite a large number of police personnel were found suffering from mental disorder/disturbance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons attributed for mental disturbance of these police personnel and the implications involved in so far as performance of their duty is concerned; and

(d) what remedial measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A sample study based on self reports conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) to identify the magnitude of minor mental health problems amongst police personnel in cities of Bangalore, Hubli-Dharwad and Delhi revealed that a sizeable number of police personnel who responded to the general Health Questionnaire suffered from such disorders as depression and anxiety. The study concluded that such disorders resulted, *inter alia,* because of high work load, conflictual orders from senior officers and their behaviour, lack of family support and adequate facilities.

(d) The measures taken to ease stress situations amongst the Delhi Police personnel include restricting the duty hours to less than 12 hours a day to the extent possible; introduction of basic training course and merit level course to improve behavioural pattern; improvement of facilities by grant of ration money allowance and introduction of Assured Career Progression Scheme; and improvement in the facilities in barracks.